



**St. Rita of Cascia
“The Peacemaker”
February, 2018**

Dear St. Rita Family,

We owe so many thanks to our students, teachers/staff, and Home & School for making our Catholic Schools Week celebration fun. Thank you for attending our Open House and supporting the Book Fair. The Mini Poms did a great job with their performance before the volleyball game. The Class of 2018 won the first round of volleyball, the teachers won the second and then the 8th grade boys Vs. the 8th grade girls was a big “hit”. Friday, we all enjoyed the new Olympic events designed by our grades 5-8 STEM groups.

I am continuing to give many tours to interested families. Thank you for suggesting our school to your family and friends. If you have a family that you have talked to, follow up with them please. It is nice for them to have a personal connection.

Our tours are very positive. New families have great compliments about our teachers and our students who are very focused on learning. They appreciate how we have special rooms for Resource teachers, Science Lab for grades 5-8, Learning lab for grades Preschool – 4, Gym, Computer Lab, Library, as well as Art and Music rooms. The cafeteria with the lunch program appeals to many families. In some schools, the students stay in their classrooms for lunch.

It is good to give the tours because I see the program through the guest’s eyes.

The first half of the year is done. We are several weeks into the third quarter. The rest of the year will go very quickly. Keep up the good work of supporting your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Bette Faxon

Valentine’s Day: Our next classroom party day will be Tuesday, Feb. 13th for an early Valentine’s celebration since February 14th is Ash Wednesday and many children will give us sweets.

**LENT: Journeying through LENT
NO SCHOOL MASS ON TUESDAY, Feb. 13**

Ash Wednesday Mass February 14 9:00 AM

The forty days of Lent are a time for more prayer experiences and to offer small sacrifices. The students in grades 3-8 will have the opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Religion, the children are asked to choose a special goal to strive for during these weeks ahead.

They can “fast from things that they love”, like television, video games or their phones (especially texting). They can limit computer time to school work only during the week. They can stop arguing with their brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers and spend more time together peacefully. **THAT CAN BE HARD!**

The days of giving up “chocolate” are changing to do something like an act of kindness. They can choose to sit with someone at lunch that they may not sit with regularly.

It is our hope and desire that families will make a dedicated effort to attend mass each week end. It is a sad statistic that many students in Catholic school do not go to mass or the sacraments regularly. Our Tuesday mass is a special time to worship as a school family; however, it is not intended to take the place of the week end liturgical celebration.

After mass, you can talk about the readings to see what the children have learned. Parents sometimes get frustrated because children don’t seem to pay attention. You would be surprised perhaps that when it seems like they are not listening - they really are!

At our school masses, the children are reverent and attentive. Let’s all try to support each other as we walk these days with Jesus.

THE CROSS



LOVE, FORGIVENESS, NEW LIFE
WAY OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Friday afternoons at 2:15 in church when we are in school. Feb. 23, March 2, 9, & 23. We want to share this prayer experience with the children as we journey with the Lord. All are welcome to attend this special prayer time.



WELCOME TO St. Rita of Cascia School!
We have two new families who have joined our school family recently.

The Aguirre family: Jayden, gr. 1
The Weisner family: Melanie, gr. 3
The Santiago/Gonzalez family, Viviana, gr. 3

WE ARE VERY HAPPY YOU ARE HERE!



FIRST COMMUNION!

Please note that I have a typo on the first communion dates.

On May 26 – it should say 10:00 AM for Spanish and 1:00 PM for English. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

If you haven't seen this form, please ask your child.



UPDATES

REGISTRATION 2018-19

Thank you for returning your early registration forms and fees. I will meet with the parish finance council this Thursday for the final vote on tuition. We will have the new forms ready on March 8th. Please see a future family envelope for time to come in to complete the forms.

* At this time, only families who have completed the early registration form and paid the fee are on the class roster for next year.